

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-18 and 28-30 have been allowed. Claim 22 has been objected to and Claims 19-21 and 23-27 have been rejected. Claims 22 and 28 have been amended herein. Claims 19-21 and 23-27 have been cancelled herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the present amendments and the following remarks. The above amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and to render all claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 19-21 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wolfe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,541,055). This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over the cited references. Notwithstanding, Claims 19-21 and 23-27 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1-18 and 28-30. The Examiner states that Claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant's representative has amended Claim 22 to include all of the elements of the base claim and the intervening claim, with minor grammatical revision. Therefore, Claim 22 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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